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TITLE: PROCESS FOR A UNITIZED MAT TO FACILITATE GROWING PLANTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of the present application, and prior to an initial Official Action on this matter, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Preliminary Amendment: SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the title as follows:

PROCESS FOR A UNITIZED MAT TO FACILITATE GROWING PLANTS

Please amend the paragraphs in the "RELATED U.S. APPLICATIONS" section as follows:

The present utility patent application is a divisional application based upon and claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. §121 from parent Nonprovisional Patent Application Serial No. 10/439,416 filed on May 16, 2003 and entitled "UNITIZED MAT TO FACILITATE GROWING PLANTS", presently pending.

The present utility patent application and parent application are is based upon and claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) from Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/381,070 filed on May 17, 2002 and entitled "FLUID DISTRIBUTION PRODUCT", presently pending.

The present utility patent application and parent application are is based upon and claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) from Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/449,325 filed on February 24, 2003 and entitled "FLUID DISTRIBUTION PRODUCT FOR WOODY PLANTS", presently pending.